

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote 5, on ordering the previous question, I would have voted "yea."

5-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACT

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, as many Members this morning have observed, when Congress failed to act on extending unemployment benefits last session, we failed those who needed us the most.

Now today the Republican leadership offers a package that will help some but not all—1 million people who so desperately need help during these times of record unemployment.

Mr. Speaker, in a word the Republican plan is a half loaf. How can any of us go back to our constituents with a straight face and tell them that during times of record unemployment we are not going to extend to 1 million workers—those whose benefits expired on December and whose shelves are empty—13 more weeks of unemployment insurance?

I know I am not looking forward to telling my constituents this news, especially in light of the all the news surrounding the President's \$674 billion stimulus package. Our workers are unemployed but they are not uninformed. If we can even consider a bill to spend \$674 billion this means that the money is available. If it is available to spend to stimulate the economy, it can be used to put money in 1 million Americans' pockets—food on their tables, shelter over their heads, and clothes on their backs. We're not talking a new car here—we're talking basic necessities for these families who are undoubtedly hurting.

Mr. Speaker, the Democrats offered an alternative plan which would have reestablished and expanded the Federal unemployment benefits bill. In fact it would guarantee all jobless workers at least 26 weeks of extended benefits and would expand access to unemployment benefits for workers who are low-wage earners or work part-time. I and many in this body support this plan. It is more generous and it is the right thing to do during these harsh economic times for the 1 million individuals caught in the December 28 time trap.

Mr. Speaker as we work to provide dignity and security to our Nation's borders, and advance our military causes overseas in Iraq and North Korea, I think it is equally imperative that we provide dignity and security to our most valuable resources—our working men and women.

A TRIBUTE TO THE PASADENA-ALTADENA CHAPTER OF LINKS, INC.

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pasadena-Altadena Chapter of Links, Inc. On Saturday, March 8, 2003, the Pasadena-Altadena Links will celebrate its 40th anniversary of service to the community.

The contributions of the Pasadena-Altadena Chapter of Links, Inc. are numerous. For four decades, this remarkable organization of African-American women has been a positive influence and inspiration to not only the African-American community, but also the entire Pasadena-Altadena community.

Through their successful Saturday School program, officially named "Pasadena Links to Student Success," they are enriching our children's lives. The Saturday School, for elementary students and their parents in grades K–4 with low academic achievement in reading, is a year-long program. The program focuses on four areas: the Arts, National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services, and Services to Youth. Saturday School offers special programs such as career day, African story telling, cultural events, field trips, and parent education workshops. In addition, scholarship awards are given to selected area high school students.

The Pasadena-Altadena Chapter of Links, Inc. also serves the community in many other endeavors. In 2002, they sponsored a successful health fair and a series of breakfasts aimed at promoting nutrition. They also participated in the National Walkathon, an annual walk promoting health in which all Links chapters across the country participate.

For their contributions both locally and nationally, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in saluting the Pasadena-Altadena Chapter of Links, Inc.

HONORING DON TUTTLE, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don Tuttle, Deputy Public Works Director, County of Humboldt, on the occasion of his retirement after 31 years of public service.

Don Tuttle received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Purdue University and a masters degree from the University of California. In addition, he received a bachelor's degree in Natural Resources from Humboldt State University. After serving with the public works department in Walnut Creek, CA, he began his career in Humboldt County as Natural Resources Analyst for the Public Works Department, and later became Environmental Services Manager. In 1999 he was promoted to Deputy Public Works Director.

During his tenure, Mr. Tuttle was instrumental in protecting the environment, developing policy and guiding the permit process on

in a broad array of county projects. He managed county parks, improved public access and protected fragile natural resources; he guided the effort to protect wetlands and enhance fish habitat; he detected the Western Snowy Plover, a federally threatened species, leading to the protection of its habitat; and was instrumental in getting more protections for fish affected by the diversion of the Upper Eel River. A singular accomplishment was his compilation of an environmental data bank comprised of 20,000 aerial photographs, both modern and historic, along with documents and maps pertaining to archaeological sites, geology, vegetation, wildlife, and roads. This material will guide land-use decisions in Humboldt County for many years to come. He has also been an active member of the Humboldt County Historical Society for over three decades.

Don Tuttle is a dedicated, exceptionally able public servant that has made outstanding contributions to Humboldt County and to the State of California.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Don Tuttle for his extraordinary service to the people of California.

TRIBUTE TO GIL RECTOR

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that a longtime community leader in Lafayette County, MO, will be named to the Missouri State Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Springfield, MO. Mr. Gil Rector has demonstrated a strong commitment to Lexington, MO, high school sports and has helped to ensure a brighter future for the Lafayette County community.

Mr. Rector started his career in 1968 when he was named the head football coach at Lexington High School. During his 31-year tenure at the high school, he guided the Lexington High School football team to 10 Missouri River Valley Conference championships, 13 district titles, and five State football championships in 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, and 1995.

As a result of his outstanding accomplishments as a Lexington Minuteman coach, Mr. Rector was inducted into the Missouri Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1993 and was named Missouri State Football Coach of the Year in 1976, 1980, and 1984. Lexington honored him in 1997 by naming the Lexington High School football field Gil Rector Stadium.

Mr. Rector remains active with Lexington High School by serving as the school's activities director. In addition to his duties at the high school, he has served on the Lafayette County Commission for the Northern District since 2000.

Mr. Gil Rector has distinguished himself as a community leader and a wonderful coach. He has and continues to make his friends and family proud. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing Gil Rector all the best.